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Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, enclosed is a PTO Form 1449 which lists three (3) references. Two (2) references are cited in the International Search Report for the corresponding PCT application (PCT/US99/22604). Copies of the International Search Report and the cited references are enclosed. Apart from the International Search Report, Applicants have also become aware of a document (WO 00/18799) which may be relevant to the prosecution of this application. A copy of the WO/00/18799 reference is also enclosed.

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